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FORASMUCH as the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament have taken notice, That the Rate of four pence lately imposed, by Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* last, upon every pound of

Tobacco of the Engliſh Plantations by way of Exciſe, hath ſomething intermitted Trade in that Commoditie:

Be it therefore Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, and by Authoritie of the ſame, for the encouragement and eaſe, as well of the Importer, as Ingroſſer and Seller of ſuch Tobacco's; That all Tobacco's of the Engliſh Plantations imported, and remaining on the hands of the Merchant or Importer, or the Ingroſſer or Seller thereof, before the eleventh of *September* laſt paſt, ſhall pay onely one penny upon every pound: And all ſuch Tobacco's imported ſince the eleventh of

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September last, and remaining on the hands, either of the Merchant, Importer, Ingroſſer, or Seller thereof, at the day of the date of this Ordinance, ſhall be liable to, and pay two pence upon every pound: And for all ſuch Tobacco of the Engliſh Plantations, as ſhall hereafter, from the day of the date hereof, be imported into the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Town of *Berwick*, ſhall pay after the rate of four pence upon every pound, according to the former Ordinance dated the eleventh of *September* laſt; The reſpective ſummes of one penny, two pence, and four pence upon every pound, to be paid by the Ingroſſer, or Seller,

upon ſale thereof, as is therein preſcribed: Provided alwayes, That no perſon ſhall have any benefit of the aforeſaid Moderation to one penny and two pence upon every pound of Tobacco reſpectively before mentioned, but ſuch onely as ſhall within fourteen days after the publication of this Ordinance, make his perſonall appearance at ſuch Office of Exciſe under which his dwelling place ſhall be, and there deliver in, upon oath, a true and juſt Particular of all Tobacco by him ſold, ſince the eleventh of *September* laſt, unto the time he ſhall make his appearance; As alſo, at the ſame time declare upon oath, and deliver in a like true Particular of all Tobacco's either

either remaining upon his hands at that time, of ſuch Tobacco's as were upon his hands before the eleventh of *September*, as of ſuch Tobacco's as have been by him imported or brought, and are remaining upon his hands at the time of his appearance; and ſhall preſently, according to the reſpective Rates of one penny and two pence, pay and cleer the duty of Exciſe, as well for all Tobacco by him ſold ſince the eleventh of *September* laſt, as for all Tobacco by him imported, and remaining at that time upon his hands as aforeſaid, but be proceeded againſt without favour or pardon, according to the former Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* laſt.

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Provided also, That no Abatement or Allowance shall be made, under pretence of this Ordinance, for any Tobaccos which have already paid Excise, according to the said Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* last, before the date hereof.

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